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For (title): DIGITAL CONTENT VENDING, DELIVERY, AND

MAINTENANCE SYSTEM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir or Ms.:

Enclosed is a U.S. National Phase application under Chapter II of the PCT which claims the benefit of prior application PCT/US98/18948, filed on 11 September 1998, and of U.S. provisional application serial number 60/058,623, filed on 11 September 1997.

In order to correct a typographical error in Claim 24, please enter the following preliminary amendment.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

24. (Once amended) The [system] <u>client</u> of claim 16, wherein:

said storage means includes a pre-stored and substantially unique indicia; and

at least one said key is coded to work only with said unique indicia, so that a said key issued to unwrap a said asset on a particular said storage means may not also be used to unwrap a same said asset present on a different said storage means.

The cooperation of the examiner in these matters is appreciated. If the examiner has any questions relating to the above, please contact Applicants' counsel at the numbers set forth below.

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